

a dear friend, and I rise today to honor him and pay tribute to his memory.

Bob Schultz, otherwise known as "Mr. Mardi Gras," was a musical legend in Mobile. Arriving in Mobile in 1960, Bob quickly distinguished himself as the sound of carnival playing swing era music on both the clarinet and saxophone. In 1976, he organized the Bob Schultz Big Band. He and his band have played at countless mystic society balls, weddings, and other events over the last three decades. They were also a staple at the Riverview Plaza Sunday brunch.

One wedding, in particular, stands out in my memory. Bob and his band played "Stars Fell on Alabama" for my new bride and me to lead the dance. To say Bob Schultz will be missed is a considerable understatement.

Bob Schultz and his band members also found time to perform for many charities including: the Child Advocacy Center, United Way, the Taste of Mobile, the Alabama Desert Storm Heroes Welcome Home Committee, and the Cathedral Towers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a fixture of Mobile Mardi Gras. Bob will be deeply missed by his family—his two brothers, William Schultz and Irving Schiff; and his sister, Irene Karasevich—as well as the countless friends and associates he leaves behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this difficult time.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE FOUNDERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CONTAINER RESEARCH CORPORATION ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

##### HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 25, 2006*

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to rise to honor the founders and employees of the Container Research Corporation on the celebration of their 50th anniversary on this Saturday, April 29, 2006. The Container Research Corporation is located in the small town of Glen Riddle, Pennsylvania, in the 7th Congressional District that I represent.

The Container Research Corporation, CRC, was founded in 1956. At its helm were the young, innovative minds of Stan Rines, Sr. and Bill Swan, Sr., talented businessmen and engineers. Mr. Rines and Mr. Swan designed and patented modern high tech metal containers that replaced existing commercial and military wooden crates. I am pleased to report that Mr. Rines and Mr. Swan, now in their eighties, still own and manage the growing company, with 140 employees at three facilities.

The Container Research Corporation was an early pioneer of military packaging for large aircraft parts. Over their 50 years of service they have excelled in the research, design and manufacturing of aerospace maintenance platforms, storage and shipping containers to worldwide aerospace customers. CRC has produced containers for the Pershing Missiles, the Pickatinny Arsenal artillery shells, nuclear fuel rods, all styles of helicopter blades, jet engines and most recently the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Jet. They have partnered with such companies as Westinghouse, Boeing, Bell, Sikorsky and the U.S. military.

As the Vice-Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee and the Homeland Security Committee, I have seen first-hand the positive effects of the Container Research Corporation's incredible work ethic and upstanding patriotism. They have been a strong and consistent partner in strengthening not only our national economy, but our national defense and security as well.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have within my district one of the founding companies for modern aerospace storage and shipping containers. Our Nation owes Mr. Rines, Mr. Swan and all of the dedicated employees at the Container Research Corporation a huge debt of gratitude. We are certainly a safer country because of their efforts. I am proud to represent these fine men and women and honor them on their 50th Anniversary on the House Floor today.

#### TRIBUTE TO AN AMERICAN HERO—MICHAEL J. NOVOSEL

##### HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 25, 2006*

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of America's greatest military heroes, Michael J. "Mike" Novosel, who passed away on April 2 at the age of 83 at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, DC.

Mike Novosel was a remarkable man who ranked among the best who ever donned a military uniform. I'm proud to point out that he spent much of his life in southeast Alabama where he had a monumental impact on the mission of the U.S. Army Aviation Center at Fort Rucker.

Born in Pennsylvania in 1922, Novosel joined the U.S. Army Air Force when he was 19. His training eventually took him to Maxwell Air Force Base where he qualified to fly the B-29 Superfortress. In 1945, he flew four Pacific combat missions with the 58th Bombardment Wing during the final days of World War II. But he did not stop there. Novosel commanded a B-29 as part of a fly-over during the Japanese surrender ceremony. His military career then led him to command the 99th Bombardment Squadron in the Pacific where he served until 1947 when he returned to the United States as a B-29 test pilot and then joined the Air Force Reserve. Soon after, he was called back to active duty at the Air Command and Staff School during the Korean War. But this was all just the beginning for Novosel.

During the Vietnam War, then Lt. Col. Novosel volunteered for duty in the Air Force Reserve. However, he was turned down because of his age. So, he traded his blue suit for the uniform of a U.S. Army warrant officer, and instead of piloting B-29's, took the stick of a Bell UH-1 Huey. As a "dust-off" helicopter pilot, Novosel served two tours in Vietnam, totaling 2,543 missions airlifting 5,600 medical evacuees. Amazingly, one of the men he rescued was his own son, who, ironically, later rescued him. In one rescue mission, Novosel braved tremendous enemy fire to rescue no less than 29 men.

His bravery resulted in his receiving the Congressional Medal of Honor. He returned

stateside to instruct the Army's Golden Knights parachute team at Fort Bragg and later he taught the Warrant Officer Career College at Fort Rucker. In 1985, Novosel was the last World War II pilot still flying. Fort Rucker named its main street "Novosel Avenue" for him, and after retirement Novosel remained in Enterprise, Alabama where he was an active member of the community until his death.

Mr. Speaker, Chief Warrant Officer Four Mike Novosel will rightfully be buried in Arlington National Cemetery alongside America's other great heroes. We can all be proud of his exemplary record, and I extend my condolences to his family.

#### TRIBUTE TO RICHARD L. KOHNSTAMM

##### HON. DARLENE HOOLEY

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 25, 2006*

Ms. HOOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the passing of a great Oregonian innovator, businessman, and friend. Richard L. Kohnstamm passed away last Friday, just days after his 80th birthday.

Like many Oregonians, Dick arrived in Oregon as a young man eager to forge his own future, and build his own adventure. What Dick couldn't possibly have known then, was that his future would become a true Oregon Legacy.

In 1955, Dick took over the management of Oregon's Historic Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood. With his imagination, vision, and dedication, Dick transformed the lodge from a neglected public works building to an Oregon landmark.

He started the nation's first summer skiing, started a racing school, brought in Olympic Medalists as instructors, and completely revamped the lodge, making it a destination for Oregonians and visitors. With Dick's leadership, Timberline Lodge was the first ski area in the nation to receive the National Historic Landmark designation.

Dick met his wife Molly, and raised their four sons on the Mountain. He was a father figure to hundreds of young employees away from home. He was a leader. He was a visionary. He was a pioneer in the best Oregon tradition. He was an Oregon Icon.

I consider myself lucky to have known Dick, and I want to honor him for his extraordinary life and his many contributions to Mt. Hood and the State of Oregon.

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR AS OFFERED BY WILLIAM T. WALKER, THEODORE, ALABAMA

##### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 25, 2006*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, recently one of my constituents, William T. Walker, submitted a letter to the Mobile Register providing an interesting perspective on the recent peace march that started in Mobile, Alabama, and traveled throughout the Gulf Coast.